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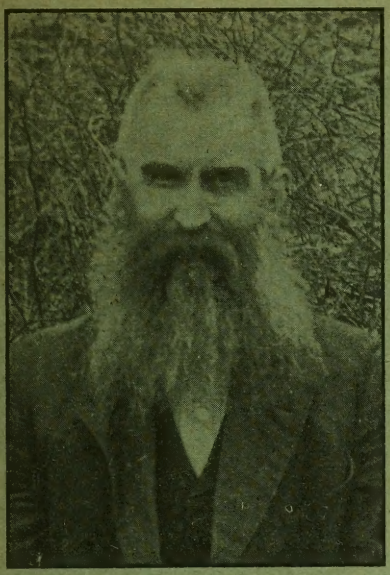

Eld. Eli Sebastian, Moderator
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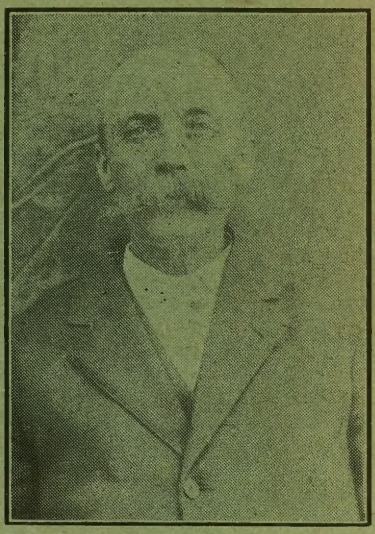

Eld. G. W. Miles, Sec.-Treas.
MILES, N. C.

Minutes of the 46th Anniversary

of the

Primitive Baptist Association

Held at Roaring River Church,
Wilkes County, N. C.

October 23rd and 24th, 1914.

The next session of this Association will be held at Liberty Knob church, 4 miles north of Traphill, N. C., on Friday and Saturday before the fourth Lord's Day in October, 1915. Introductory sermon, Eld. G. M. Owens. Alternate, Eld. J. O. Wood.

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PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION PROCEEDINGS.

Roaring River Church, Friday, October 23, 1914.

Introductory service: Song—"Brethren we have met again," etc. Prayer offered by Eld. W. F. Gregory. Sermon by Eld. J. C. Elledge, text: St. Luke, last chapter, and 39th verse, "Handle me and see, etc." Intermission 20 minutes.

The delegates re-assembled. Song—"Come we that love the Lord," etc. Prayer offered by Eld. Eli Sebastian.

(1) The Moderator called the body to order.

(2) Letters were handed in from 12 churches, and after being read the delegates were seated.

(3) Invited newly constituted or regular Baptist churches of our faith and order to unite with us. None came.

(4) Elected Eli Sebastian, moderator, and G. W. Miles, clerk, by acclamation.

(5) Invited correspondents of our faith and order to seats with us, when letters were handed in and read from Mt'n Union, Little River and Mitchell's River associations. Correspondents seated, viz: From Little River: A. McKnight, M. E. Pool, C. M. Cheek, I. M. Higgins, F. M. Osborn, S. M. Edwards, F. M. Joines, S. P. Todd, Wiley Combs; from Mt'n Union: W. F. Eller, John Pruitt, Luther Testerman; from Mitchell's River: W. F. Gregory.

(6) Invited transients and visitors of our faith and order to seats with us. None came.

(7) Authorized the Moderator to make temporary appointments during this session. The following committees were appointed, viz:

On Ministry—L. D. Lowe, Aaron Felts, R. M. Huie, with the delegates of this church.

On Finance—H. E. Harrold, J. M. Spicer, H. F. Teague.

On Arrangements—F. M. Adams, A. Caudill, J. M. Owens, S. C. Church, D. A. Absher. Invited the Moderator, Secretary and Correspondents to sit with this committee.

On Sabbath Schools—W. R. DeBorde, J. C. Elledge, J. A. Robinson.

On Resolutions—J. M. Brown, F. M. Adams, Grant Cheek.

On Obtiuaries—F. M. Adams, H. A. Adams, G. W. Brown,

On Temperance—G. W. Miles, T. F. Harrold, E. M. Wiles, with the clerks of each church.

To Write Corresponding Letters—Mt'n Union: J. L.

Wood; Little River: J. N. Royal; Mitchell's River: G. W. Brown; Blue Ridge: H. E. Harrold.

(8) Committee on Ministry reports for tonight, 1st, F. M. Osborn, 2nd, W. S. Eller. For tomorrow, 1st, W. F. Gregory, 2nd, Luther Testerman.

(9) On motion, adjourned till tomorrow, 9:30 A. M., for devotional exercises and for the sitting of the association 10.30.

Song: "Did Christ o'er sinners weep," etc. Prayer offered by Eld. M. E. Pool.

SATURDAY MORNING, OCTOBER 24, 1914.

After spending several minutes in devotional exercises, the messengers were called to order by the Moderator, prayer having been offered by Eld. A. McKnight.

(1) Called the roll of delegates and marked absentees.

(2) Called on the committee on arrangements to report, who handed in a bill of items, covering topically the business deliberations of the day, which was read and approved.

(3) Agreed to consider topics in the order shown on bill of items.

(4) Dispensed with reading the Constitution, etc., to enable the Messengers to be at the pulpit for the 11 o'clock sermon.

(5) Read and adopted the minutes of yesterday.

(6) Invited transients and visitors of our faith and order

J. Q. Walker, from Little River association accepted a seat.

(7) Called on the Committee on Finance to report, who reported received from the churches $14.95, a volunteer contribution of 15 cents per church to supplement the funds were handed in, giving a total of $16.75. Report received.

(8) Called on Committee on Sabbath Schools to report, who reported, viz: " We believe Sunday-school work is rendering to God acceptable service, and urge our churches to run their schools the entire year if possible, sing Gospel songs, and in room of "Literature" use the Bible.

W. R. DeBORDE,
J. C. ELLEDGE, Committee.
J. A. ROBINSON.

Remarks by J. F. Lyon. Report adopted.

(9) Called on Committee on Temperance to report, who reported, viz: We advise all our churches to strictly adhere to Bible teaching along the line of temperance. We should not put the bottle to the mouth of our neighbor—not act in a way to spread intemperance. Heaven is not the future home

of the drunkard, without repentance, therefore it is very necessary that people stand on safe ground on those things which are contrary to God's word.

T. F. HARROLD,
E. M. WILES, Committee.
G. W. MILES.

Report received and adopted.

(10) Called on correspondents to report, who reported, viz: Eli Sebastian and J. W. Brooks visited Little River association, A. Caudill visited M't'n. Union. Those who failed were excused.

(11) Appointed correspondents, viz: To Mt'n. Union, to be held at Baptist Chapel, 4 miles northwest of Healing Springs, on Friday before the 2nd Sunday in October, 1915, A. Caudill, E. M. Wiles and H. E. Harrold; to Little River, to be held at Basin Creek, 9 miles northwest of Traphill, N. C., on Friday before the 1st Lord's day in October, 1915, Eli Sebastian, J. W. Byrd, J. M. Owens, J. M. Brown, Aaron Felts, C. E. Dimmette, R. M. Huie, Elijah Walker, G. W. Brown; to Blue Ridge, H. F. Teague, Marshall Harrold, J. C. Elledge; to Mitchell's River to be held at Union Hill, 3 miles east of Thurmond, N. C., on Friday before the 1st Sunday in August, 1915, J. F. Lyon, J. N. Royal, G. W. Brown, J. M. Spicer.

(12) Committee on Ministry reported for Sunday, 1st, Eld. Wm. Miles; 2nd, Eld. M. E. Pool; 3rd, Eld. A.McKnight. Report received.

(13) Suspended business, one hour to hear preaching.

(14) Called for obituaries. Those in these minutes were ordered printed.

(15) Called on Committee on Resolutions to report, who reported, viz: 1st. That we are thankful to Almighty God for His blessings this year and implore a continuance of the same. 2nd. That we ask our churches to encourage their young ministers in their work—hold up their hands. 3rd. That we return thanks to the brethren, sisters and friends, who have so liberally entertained this association.

(16) Called on those appointed to write corresponding letters to hand in same—letters read and received.

(17) Appointed G. W. Miles treasurer and directed that he superintend the printing and distribution of 500 copies of these minutes (each church of the associations with which we are in correspondence is to have one copy of the minutes) and allow him $5.00 for his services, any surplus contribution to be handed to Moderator. In these minutes is to appear Constitution, Rules of Decorum and Articles of Faith.

(18) On motion, appointed our next session to convene with Liberty Knob church, 4 miles north of Traphill, N. C., commencing on Friday, (11 o'clock A. M.) before the fourth Lord's day in October, 1915; Eld. J. M. Owens, to preach the first sermon, Eld. J. O. Wood, alternate.

(19) The reading of the minutes today, on motion, was omitted.

(20) On motion adjourned to meet at the time and place of our next session. Song: "In all my Lord's appointed ways," etc. Prayer offered by G. W. Miles.

ELD. ELI SEBASTIAN, Moderator.
ELD. G. W. MILES, Secretary & Treasurer.

SABBATH.

Devotional services:—Song: "Blest be the tie that binds," etc. Prayer offered by Eld. F. M. Osborn. 1st sermon by Eld. Wm. Miles. Text: Psalms 126:3, "The Lord hath done great things for us whereof we are glad." 2nd. sermon by Eld. M. E. Pool. Text: Genesis 24:64, "Therefore she took a veil, and covered herself." 3rd, sermon by Eld. A. McKnight, Text: James 1:26-27, "If any man among you, etc.," "Pure religion and undefiled, etc."

There was a large congregation present to hear the Word preached. At the close of the services, a farewell handshake was taken. Thus closed a lovely session of this association.—Clerk.

CONSTITUTION.

Article 1 This Association shall be known by the name of Primitive Baptist Association and shall be composed of members chosen by the different Churches in our Union, and duly sent to represent in the Association, who, on producing letters from their respective Churches, certifying their appointment, shall be entitled to their seats. Each Church shall be entitled to five delegates. In their letters is to be expressed their number in full fellowship, baptized, received by letter, by application and good recommendation, dismissed by letter, excluded and dead since the last Association.

Article 2 The number thus chosen and convened shall have no power to lord it over God's heritage, nor shall they have any ecclesiastical power over the Churches, nor shall they infringe any internal right of any Church in the Union.

Article 3 The Association, when convened, shall be governed by a proper decorum.

Article 4 The Association shall have a Moderator and Secretary, who shall be chosen annually by a majority of the votes of the members present, a majority of the Churches being represented.

Article 5 New Churches of any regular Baptist Church of Jesus Christ of our Faith and Order, in good standing, either dismissed by letter from sister associations or application and good recommenda-

tion, by sending up letter and delegates, shall be admitted into the Union.

Article 6 Every Church in the Union shall be entitled to represenation in the Association.

Article 7 Every motion made and seconded shall come under the consideration of the Association, except it be withdrawn by the member who made it.

Article 8 The Association shall endeavor to furnish the Churches with the minutes of its proceedings, the best method for accomplishing this purpose shall be at the discretion of the future Association.

Article 9 We think it necessary that we should have an Associational Fund to defray the expenses of the Association, and it is the duty of each Church in the Union to contribute such sums as they think proper to the Association, and these moneys shall be deposited in the hands of a Treasurer, who shall be accountable to the Association for the same, and the Association shall appropriate the money thus contributed to any purpose they may think proper.

Article 10 There shall be an Association book kept, wherein the proceedings of the Association shall be recorded by a Secretary appointed by the Association, who shall receive a reasonable compensation for his services.

Article 11 The minutes of the Association shall be read and corrected, if necessary, and signed by the Moderator and Clerk before the Association adjourns.

Article 12 Amendments to this plan or form of government may be made at any time by a majority of the Association, when they may deem it expedient, by giving the Churches twelve months notice.

Article 13 The Association shall act as advisory council and shall endeavor to preserve a general union of the Churches, and also to preserve a chain of communion among the Churches and give advice in matters of difficulty.

Article 14 The Association shall inquire into the cause if any Church fails to represent at any time in the Association.

Article 15 The Association shall have power to withdraw from any Church in her Union that shall violate the rules of this Constitution or deviate from the orthodox principles of the Gospel.

Article 16 The Association may correspond with sister associations and invite any brother in the ministry, in good standing, or that can bring a good recommendation of his standing, who may be of our Faith and Order, to a seat in the Association, who may be present at the time of its sitting.

Article 17 The Association shall have power to adjourn to any future time or place it may think proper.

Article 18 The benevolent institutions of the day shall be no bar nor test of fellowship, but all shall be free to sustain or not sustain the same as they may choose.

RULES OF DECORUM.

1 This Association shall be opened and closed by prayer.

2 Only one person shall speak at the same time who shall rise from his seat and address the Moderator when he is about to make his speech.

3 The person thus speaking shall not be interrupted in his speech by any except the Moderator until he is done speaking.

4 He shall strictly adhere to his subject and in no wise reflect on

the person who speaks before by making remarks on his slips, failings or imperfections, but fairly state the matter as nearly as he can, so as to convey his light or ideas.

5 No person shall abruptly break off or absent himself from the Association without liberty obtained from the body for his absence.

6 Ne person shall speak more than three times on one subject without liberty obtained from the Association.

7 No member of the Association shall have liberty of laughing during the sitting of same, nor whispering in time of public speech.

8 No member of the Association shall address another by any other appellation than that of brother.

9 The Moderator shall not interrupt any member nor prohibit him from speaking until he gives his light on the subject, except he violate the Rules of Docorum.

10 The names of the several members of the Association shall be enrolled by the Secretary and called over as often as the Association requires.

11 The Moderator shall be entitled to the same privilege of speech as any other member, provided the chair be filled, but he shall not vote unless the Association be equally divided, then he may give the casting vote.

12 Any member who shall wilfully and knowingly break any of these Rules shall be reproved by the Association as shall be deemed proper.

ARTICLES OF FAITH.

1 We believe in one true and living God, Father, Son and Holy Ghost, and these three are one.

2 We believe that the Scriptures of the Old and New Testament are the Word of God and the only rule of faith and practice.

3 We believe in the doctrine of Election by Grace.

4 We believe in the doctrine of Original Sin and in man's impotency to recover himself from the fallen state he is in by nature, by his own free will and ability.

5 We believe that sinners are called, converted, regenerated and sanctified by the Holy Spirit, and all who are thus regenerated and born again by the Spirit of God, shall never fall finally away.

6 We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God only by the imputed righteousness of Jesus Christ.

7 We believe that Baptism and the Lord's Supper and Feet Washing are ordinances of Jesus Christ, and that true believers are the only subjects of these ordinances, and we believe the only true mode of baptism is by immersion.

8 We believe in the resurrection of the dead, and a general judgment and that the joys of the righteous and the punishment of the wicked will be eternal.

9 We believe that no minister has the right to administer the ordinances of the Gospel, only such as are regularly called and come under the imposition of hands of the Presbytery.

OBITUARIES.

W. M. Johnson was born December 22, 1853, died September 9, 1914. He was married to Miss Martha J. Adams, Dec. 23, 1877, unto this union were born eight children—seven are living, one dead. He professed a hope in Christ and united with Round Mt'n. church, August 11, 1899, where his membership remained till death. He said he wanted all his sufferings in this world. Revs. J. M. Owens, H. A. Adams and J. C. Elledge conducted the funeral services, after which his remains were laid to rest at his home church. Farewell wife and children. May you all be prepared to meet me beyond pain and death, in the Glory Land.

V. C. Yale was born June 30, 1849, died November 17, 1913. He was married to Miss Mattie Spicer, October 8, 1876, this union was blessed with ten children—two died in infancy, eight are living. He lived to see five of his children claim a hope in Christ. May the others prepare for death before too late. He joined Roaring River church September, 4th Saturday, 1888, and was baptized by Eld. C. Blevins. He lived a consistent member of this church till death. May the Holy Spirit fill his absence at the church and around the fireside.

Peaceful be thy silent slumber,
Peaceful in thy grave so low;
Thou no more will join our number,
Thou no more our sorrows know.

Yet again we hope to meet thee,
When the day of life is fled;
And in heaven with joy to greet thee
Where no farewell tears are shed.

M. A. Hincher was born about 1860, died June 27, 1914. She was married to T. J. Hincher December 25, 1880, and to this union were born nine children—two died in infancy, seven are living. She joined Roaring River church about 1890, where her membership remained till death called her home. May all the children be prepared to meet mother in heaven.

Farewell, dear mother, sweet thy rest,
Weary with years and worn with pain;
Farewell till in some happy place
We shall behold thy face again.

'Tis ours to miss thee all our years,
And tender memories of thee keep,
Thine in the Lord to rest, for so
He giveth his beloved sleep.

Louvina Owens was born November 24, 1873, died March 30, 1914. She joined the church at Center, October 1 Satur-

day, 1891, and was a member of this church at the time of her death. In her last days, she suffered much. She leaves a husband and three children to mourn.

'Tis appointed unto all once to die,
Friends may mourn and relative cry,
But to leave this earth is the fate of all
Prepare for the change, both great and small.

Jane Brown was born June 15, 1829, died April 11, 1914. She was the mother of four children—two boys and two girls. She joined Center church on the first Saturday in October, 1888, her husband, who died several years ago, joined at the same time. She was a consistent member, filled her seat at church as long as she was able, a good mother and kind to all her neighbors.

No one can tell the day nor hour,
When death by it's mighty power,
Will come to either young or old
And leave them dead, lifeless and cold.

J. C. Hall was born February 9, 1830, died October 17, 1914. He had been a member of the Baptist church nearly three score years. He leaves ten children and many friends to mourn, but trust their loss is his eternal gain.

Fair View looses a dear old soldier,
His body in the ground is laid to molder
Up from the grave his body will come
When God shall call his children home.

J. W. Wyatt was born September 8, 1828, died February 21, 1914. He had been a member of the church many years, but united with Fair View in November, 1899. He filled his seat as long as he was able; was one of the oldest members of this church and is, therefore, greatly missed.

The golden gates were open,
A gentle voice said come,
And, with a farewell unspoken,
He calmly entered home.

ROLL OF DELEGATES.

Bethany—E. M. Wiles, J. M. Owens, A. Caudill.

Cane Creek—R. M. Huie, Elijah Walker.

Center—F. M. Adams, H. E. Harrold, J. A. Robinson.

Fair View—S. C. Church, Wm. McGrady.

Garden Creek—J. M. Brown, J. P. Brooks, J. B. Holloway.

Liberty Knob—Wm. Miles, J. W. Brooks, G. W. Miles, H. A. Wood, W. H. H. Lyon.

Oak Level—J. M. Spicer, D. A. Absher, J. M. Cockerham.

Rachel—Eli Sebastian, C. E. Dimmette, J. W. and James Byrd.

Round Hill—L. D. Lowe, Noah Waddell, O. F. Richardson, R. C. Cothren, Grant Cheek.

Roaring River—W. R. DeBorde, G. W. Brown, L. G. Venable, A. B. Bowers, F. M. Royal.

Round Mountain—J. C. Elledge, J. L. Wood, J. N. Felts.

Zion—Aaron Felts, H. F. Teague, T. F. Harrold, J. F. Owens, J. M. Harrold.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	CLERKS AND ADDRESSES.	Ordained Ministers.	Licensed Ministers.	Saturday.	By Baptism.	By Letter	By Application.	Restored.	Dismissed.	Excluded.	Deceased.	Total.	Contribution.
Bethany	J. O. Wood, J. M. Owens	M. A. Blackburn, Roaring River, N. C.	2	0	4	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	55	$1.00
Cane Creek	Owens, Walker and Handy	A. Absher, Halls Mills, N. C.....	0	0	3	5	1	3	0	0	0	1	43	1.25
Center	H. A. Adams, J. N. Brooks	F M.Adams, N.Wilkesboro, N C. R.F.D. 1	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	2	105	1.50
Fair View	J. M. Owens, J. O. Wood	S. C. Church, Halls Mills, N. C.	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	32	1.00
Garden Creek	G. W. Miles	J. M. Brown, Joynes, N. C.	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	28	.60
Liberty Knob	Wm. Miles, G. W. Miles	G. W. Miles, Miles, N. C.	2	1	3	1	2	0	0	0	1	0	47	1.35
Oak Level	Eli Sebastian, J. W. Brooks	J. M. Spicer, Austin, Route 1, N. C.	0	0	3	4	2	1	2	0	0	0	44	.95
Rachel	Eli Sebastian, J. O. Wood	C. E. Dimmette, Route 1, Roaring River, N. C.	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	101	2.15
Roaring River	Sebastian, G. W. Miles, J. F. Lyon	G. W. Brown, Traphill, N. C.	0	1	4	0	3	0	1	1	0	2	78	1.50
Round Hill	Sebastian, Miles, Blevins	L. D. Lowe, Traphill, N. C.	0	1	2	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	92	1.50
Round Mtn.	Elledge, Adams, Owens	J. L. Wood, L. A. Brewer, Hays, N. C.	2	0	1	2	0	0	0	2	0	3	87	1.25
Zion	J. M. Owens, H. A. Adams	W. M. Harrold, Route 1, Hays, N. C.	1	0	4	2	2	0	1	1	0	0	57	1.00
		TOTAL	8	3		18	11	4	4	8	1	10	769	$15.05
		Contribution supplemented, 15c per church												1.80
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